

Farmers' Strike

Farmers generally are getting in an ugly state of mind. Under prevailing prices for farm commodities they face the future with great uncertainty. Landlords are also indifferent and hesitate to finance labor for the making of another crop. Good farm labor is forced to compete with labor in the factory and on public work. Corn, wheat, tobacco and livestock selling below the cost of production, forces a curtailment of production for next year and a loss for this year's crops, which will result disastrously for many and decrease the value of all farm property. Farmers are organizing and pledging a curtailment of the tobacco crop, and binding themselves to hold the present crop as long as possible for better prices. These are wise conclusions, but no statesman has advanced a sound plan which will provide credit for the farmer—to tide him over the storm of destruction which now envelops him. With a large crop of tobacco on hand, with creditors pressing him for advances made to make it, he naturally hesitates to sacrifice himself and creditors by selling at a loss. Home banks will not be able to finance such enterprises. The Federal Reserve Banks ask six per cent for money. Borrowing banks cannot use it at that price. The Secretary of the U. S. Treasury issues government securities bearing 51 per cent free of all taxation. This drains the banks of all surplus and 3 and 4 per cent money. So there is nothing left to finance the business of farmers if the banks wanted to do so. In the meantime the millions of 50-cent dollars in the hands of war profiteers have more than doubled in value.

Something must be done to stabilize the products of the farm—the great American industry. The government knows every pound of tobacco sold and the needs of the world; let the farmers know how much of the weed is needed to satisfy the world's appetite and then through organization produce it at a remunerative price. What would happen if the farmer should strike and refuse to produce a crop not worth the cost of production on the market? Would the world judge him harshly if he only produced enough for his own family?

Thirty-One Virginia Counties now Have Red Cross Field Nurses—13 More will Follow Suite

The report of the Virginia Red Cross supervising nurse made to the State Health Commissioner, discloses a gratifying development of the work jointly undertaken by the Red Cross and the State.

For public health activities in the nursing field, as in others, have been taken up primarily for demonstration purposes and not with the thought that they are to be permanent. In January last there were twelve Red Cross public health nurses in the State, and Miss Blanche Webb, the supervising nurse, reported that there are thirty-one.

All-ghany county has engaged two nurses, one at Covington and the other at Clifton Forge; and seventeen other counties have Red Cross nurses. These are Albemarle, Amherst, Bedford, Botetourt, Cumberland, Frederick, Halifax, Hanover, Nelson, Patrick, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Shenandoah, Tazewell and Washington. In addition to these counties in which nurses have already been placed through the active financial help of local chapters, there are thirteen other counties within which Red Cross funds have been collected and are available for the employment of nurses when the latter can be secured.

The Red Cross supervising nurse is attached to the State Department of Health and works in harmony with the department's supervising nurse. This arrangement, which has proved to be entirely satisfactory alike to the Red Cross and the Health Department, has resulted in the banishment of misunderstandings and the avoidance of duplications.

Buckingham

Circuit court convened in regular session here on Nov. 10th, instead of the 11th, when the case of minor importance were heard on the first two days and Friday and Saturday were taken up with the trial of the case against Wyatt Pendleton, charged with killing young Barker.

Mr. Aubrey M. Strode, assistant in the prosecution and Boatwright, Moon and Wood appeared for the defense.

The case was given to the jury on Saturday evening and after some time taken in deliberation they brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree and fixed the penalty at ten years in the penitentiary. Counsel for defense gave notice of appeal, saying the court would take the case in higher courts. The circuit court consented to allow bail in the sum of \$6,000, in default of which the accused was sent to jail, where he is now confined. The defense in this case was based on self-defense.

An interesting civil case was brought against that of Myers against the Merchants and Planters Bank of Dillwyn. It seems that the plaintiff Myers deposited \$1000 with the bank as a first payment on a tract of land when he found that the title to the land was to be good. It subsequently appeared that the title to the land was defective, and Myers claimed that when he found this was the case he called for his money and was told that \$25 of the money had been paid for examining the title and that \$250 of the money had been paid to the real estate agent to make the sale and the balance of \$725 would be paid back to him. Myers refused, he said, to accept this and brought the suit as mentioned above, and got judgment for one thousand dollars with interest computed at 6 per cent from the time when he deposited the \$1000. A young lawyer, named Crowder, of Richmond, appeared for the plaintiff and Hubbard and Boatwright appeared for the defense.

Judge Clarence J. Campbell, of Amherst, was there attending court and he not only made friends and made a good impression as an attorney, but he was present on his case.

Other lawyers than those I have mentioned who were here were Messers. Brock, Smith, Lancaster, Justis, Moon & Pitts, Wood, Rogers, Brown; and perhaps others whom I do not know.

There were traders and jockeys were here in great numbers and antiquated specimens of both horses and rules were changing hands, but very few sales were made; very good looking old plugs were offered as low as \$3.

The roll of teachers in the Amherst district for the month of October was over \$1000.

One neighbor told the other that he was paying hands \$2.50 a day to get up his corn, and he was told that a man couldn't afford to pay that when corn was as low as it is. He said, no, he could not afford it either, but he either had to pay to the man who had the corn in the field.

Miss Fannie White had a sale of personal property at her home near here on Saturday last.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Mr. Edmund W. Hines, who is to take place in Richmond on Nov. 27.

Miss Mary E. Edridge Mose has accepted a position as teacher near Roanoke, Va.

The Buckingham delegates to the State school conference will leave here on Tuesday, the 23d. The C. & O. Railway granted a reduction of one third of the regular fare to delegates.

Accept Only the Genuine.

Forest View

Corn shuckings are now the rage; everybody is trying to get their corn under shelter. Plenty good things to eat.

Mr. Henry White returned to his home in Richmond last Tuesday, accompanied by Miss Fred, who will spend some time there.

Mr. John Davis and daughter, Mrs. Ryland Martin, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. R. W. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ford spent a few days last week with his brother, Mr. Fred, and son, New London, Bedford county.

Mr. Shelton Hudson was taken to Lynchburg Hospital last week to be operated on for tumor. We wish her speedy recovery.

Mr. Berkley Nash, of Lynchburg, spent a few days last week with his father, Mr. T. H. Nash. He and his friends, Mr. Frank Marshall and Allen Nash, enjoyed a little hunt.

Mr. Ernest Red lost a fine hog last week by jumping back ward, killing itself.

Miss Leila Lewis, of Lynchburg, a young girl, was shot in the head with a gun while she was with a friend.

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